

Amendment to the Claims

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method of generating employment market statistics from a network, ~~comprising the steps of:~~ comprising:

(a)—accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

(b)—matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

(c)—updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein step (c) the updating comprises ~~the step of~~ calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of generating employment market statistics from a network, ~~comprising the steps of:~~ comprising:

(a) ——accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

(b) ——matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

(c) ——updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein step (c) comprises the steps of: the updating comprises:

incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein step (b) comprises the steps of: the matching comprises:

matching the employment resource to a raw category;

matching the employment resource to an interim category; and

matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~step (a) comprises the steps of: the accessing comprises:~~

sending a client request across the network to a server; and
receiving the employment resource via the network.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further ~~comprising the steps of:~~ comprising:

repeating steps (a) through (e) the accessing, the matching, and the updating for each of a plurality of employment resources; and
for each of the plurality of market categories, plotting the associated statistical indicator.

11-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

means for accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories;
and

means for updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises means for calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

16. (Previously Presented) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

means for accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories;
and

means for updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises:

means for incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

means for incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for matching the employment resource to a raw category;
means for matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
means for matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said means for accessing an employment resource comprises:

means for sending a client request across the network to a server; and
means for receiving the employment resource via the network.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising means for plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

23. (Previously Presented) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

a spider engine that accesses an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data; and
a statistical analysis engine that matches the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories and calculates a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer program logic stored therein, said computer program logic for generating employment market statistics from a network, wherein said computer program logic ~~comprises:~~ comprises instructions configured to:

~~means for enabling~~ enable the computer to access an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

~~means for enabling~~ enable the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

~~means for enabling~~ enable the computer to update at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said ~~means for enabling~~ instructions configured to enable the computer to update at least one statistical indicator comprises ~~means for enabling~~ instructions configured to enable the computer to calculate a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

27. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer program logic stored therein, said computer program logic for

generating employment market statistics from a network, wherein said computer program logic ~~comprises~~: comprises instructions configured to:

~~means for enabling~~ enable the computer to access an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

~~means for enabling~~ enable the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

~~means for enabling~~ enable the computer to update at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said ~~means for enabling~~ instructions configured to enable the computer to update at least one statistical indicator comprises:

~~means for enabling~~ instructions configured to enable the computer to increment a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

~~means for enabling~~ instructions configured to enable the computer to increment a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein said ~~means for enabling~~ instructions configured to enable the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to match the employment resource to a raw category;

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to match the employment resource to an interim category; and

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to match the employment resource to an employment market category.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein said ~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to access an employment resource comprises:

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to send a client request across the network to a server; and

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to receive the employment resource via the network.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 26, further comprising ~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to plot the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~step (b) comprises the steps of:~~
the matching comprises:

matching the employment resource to a raw category;
matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~step (a) comprises the steps of:~~
the accessing comprises:

sending a client request across the network to a server; and
receiving the employment resource via the network.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further ~~comprising the steps of:~~
comprising:

repeating steps (a) through (e) the accessing, the matching, and the updating for each of a plurality of employment resources; and
for each of the plurality of market categories, plotting the associated statistical indicator.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for matching the employment resource to a raw category;
means for matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
means for matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said means for accessing an employment resource comprises:

means for sending a client request across the network to a server; and
means for receiving the employment resource via the network.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

42. (Previously Presented) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

a spider engine that accesses an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data; and
a statistical analysis engine that matches the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories, wherein the statistical analysis engine increments a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume

and increments a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

43. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

44. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein said ~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to match the employment resource to a raw category;

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to match the employment resource to an interim category; and

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to match the employment resource to an employment market category.

45. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein said ~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to access an employment resource comprises:

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to send a client request across the network to a server; and

~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to receive the employment resource via the network.

46. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 27, further comprising
~~means for enabling instructions configured to enable~~ the computer to plot the associated
statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.